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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. PATENT(S):

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
5,550,590	Sakazawa et al.	Aug 27, 1996

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PUBLICATION(S) :

Wang, Limin, et al., "Bit Allocation and Constraints for Joint Coding of Multiple Video Programs", IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology, Vol. 9, No. 6, September 1999, pages 949-959.

The references listed above were cited by the International Examiner in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of Applicants' counterpart international patent application no. PCT/US01/27171 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

Copies of the above-listed references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449. U.S. Patent No. 5,793,425 was cited in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 26, 2000.

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. To date, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore believed to be timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,



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